

## **MRF Media contact Hereford, HEREFORDSHIRE**

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**Hereford mum warning: Babies under one hit hardest by meningitis and septicaemia.**

Vicki Eaton

Twins Maggie and Hazel had viral meningitis in June 2008 aged just 8 days. They were rushed to hospital where doctors saved them. Read more at MRF's online Book of Experience: <http://meningitis.org/book-of-experience/maggie-hazel-eaton-30799>

Said Vicki: "My twin daughters were born in June 2008 and at eight days old they both contracted meningitis. They got ill so quickly that I rushed them to hospital where Hazel had stopped breathing and turned blue. Both the girls were placed in Intensive Care and thankfully responded to antibiotic treatment. Thankfully they recovered, but we don't yet know what the long term effects might be. Babies under one year old are 38 times more likely to suffer from meningitis, and two babies die from the diseases every week. Knowing the symptoms and getting medical help if you suspect a case is vital, that's why I'm supporting MRF's Meningitis Awareness Week."

Willing to do: Press, possibly radio/TV. Check with Vicki

If you'd like to speak to Vicki, contact the MRF Communications team: 01454 281811